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Dr. A. B. Wright,
30 Gerrard Street East,
Toronto.

My dear Dr. Wright:

I am glad to have this morning from you a letter giving a full account of the connection that you have had with the University Faculty for so many years. I had certainly no idea of these details. While I was fully aware in a general way of the great service you had rendered to the University, what you had done was never told me in detail. I assured the Governors again and again that your generous action a year ago had made a difficult position very much easier of solution, and I shall be very glad to bring the matter up again before the Board at its next meeting, which however will not be until Thursday of next week.

I may say that there was no thought in the minds of the Governors of estimating your services by the retiring allowance that they granted. The Trinity arrangement was in some way a compromise on the part of men who had been deprived of opportunity of service to the University by reason of what was done at the time of the reorganisation of the Toronto General Hospital. However, as I say I will have much pleasure in again bringing the matter before the Board of Governors, and I will let you know as soon as they have come to what I hope may be a favourable decision. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Professor A. H. Wright,
30 Gerrard Street East,
Toronto.

My dear Professor Wright:

On Thursday I read to the Board of Governors your letter, which you sent me some ten days ago. In accordance with the facts that you have mentioned in the opening of the letter, and which to my regret were either overlooked or not sufficiently emphasised at the time of your retirement, the Board very gladly have instructed the Bursar to send you £500 in payment of the work of the half year in the chair which you undertook and so kindly carried on until the arrival of Dr. Watson.

They considered at length the question but felt that they could not change their former decision with regard to a retiring allowance. With regard to Trinity the position that they took from the beginning was that these gentlemen were given a special honorarium for five years because the changes in the re-organisation of the Hospital had left them without a position, and the Board felt that the agreement that had been made with Trinity almost involved that some special arrangement should be made on this account.

The Board wish me however to say that they do not in any way estimate the value of your services to the University by the small annual sum that they have set aside as an honorarium. They recognise very fully that you have rendered great service to the University and regret

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that they cannot do more to express tangibly their regard for what you have done, but they inaugurated this as a policy which would involve them in difficulties if they were to depart from it.

I am sorry that I am not in a position to write you more favourably, but I do not know that I can do anything more in the matter. Assuring you of my kind regard and high esteem,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.